Athletics Department Launches Colgate Leadership Academy

The Colgate Department of Athletics is one of only 11 schools in the country to launch one of the nation’s premier leadership development programs in collegiate athletics.

The Colgate Leadership Academy provides comprehensive and cutting edge leadership development programming through interactive workshops, 360-degree feedback, one-on-one coaching, peer mentoring, and educational resources.

The Academy consists of three programs: the Veterans Leaders Program, the Emerging Leaders Program, and the 360 Degree Leaders Program. The Emerging Leaders Program is designed for a select group of “high potential” sophomore and junior student-athletes. This program will provide these prospective leaders with the insights, strategies and skills necessary to become effective leaders on their team, on campus, and in the community.

The Veterans Leaders Program, which is designed for team captains and veteran student-athletes, will provide established team leaders with advanced leadership training and support. The program will teach student-athletes the critical skills and insights necessary to be effective vocal leaders as they manage and conquer the day-to-day responsibilities and challenges of leadership.

The 360 Degree Leaders Program is designed for student-athletes who have graduated from both the Emerging and Veteran Leaders Program and have the ability, motivation, and skill to lead their programs and peers on a daily basis.

The Leadership Academy also engages the Colgate coaches by offering them different opportunities to engage with one another to share, reflect on, and refine their coaching philosophies. Coaches have the chance to interact with and learn from their experienced peers on a regular basis. Separate workshops are also conducted for head coaches and assistant coaches to target each group’s specific needs.

With the comprehensive scope and intensive depth of the programming being used, the Colgate Leadership Academy unequivocally distinguishes the Colgate Athletics Department as having one of the best leadership development programs in collegiate athletics. The Academy has been in place since Fall 2009.